

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: <b>Brown et al.</b>	§ Group Art Unit: <b>2112</b>
Serial No.: <b>10/825,142</b>	§ Examiner: <b>Torres, Joseph D.</b>
Filed: <b>April 15, 2004</b>	§ Confirmation No.: <b>7822</b>
For: <b>Method and Apparatus for Supporting Checksum Offload in Partitioned Data Processing Systems</b>	§ Attorney Docket No.: <b>AUS920040197US1</b>

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In response to the Final Office Action of March 11, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.